

MEMBERSHIP AND ADMISSION

The high school years are a time of tremendous change for young people. They meet new people; they meet new ideas; they move from being children to becoming adults; their needs become much bigger. Our young people are precious and we want the best for them. We pray for them, care for them and guide them. Most of all, we want them to have a deep and growing love of God, even as God loves them. We want them to “glorify the God and Father of our Lord Jesus Christ” (Rom. 15: 6). We want our young people to know God and His commandments. We want to tell our young people that OUR WORLD BELONGS TO GOD: “He is before all things, and in Him, all things hold together: (Col. 1:17).

At UNITY Christian High School, your child will find a school where they are engaged in learning by gifted teachers. Teachers are the key to any school; at UNITY, the teachers will be chosen for their love for the Lord, their love of working with and guiding young people, and their mastery of their teaching craft. The teachers will help create a joyful atmosphere which encouraging young people to express their faith and their concerns. The teachers will help create a purposeful atmosphere enabling young people to be grounded in a Biblical worldview, and to boldly seek and proclaim God’s truth as they explore His creation.

UNITY will provide a strong Christian curriculum, through which young people are challenged to acquire the skills needed for success in college, the work place or university. Each course will be taught to both encourage and enable excellence on the part of the students. Each year, to complement the core courses of English, math and the sciences, UNITY will deliver a core course in Bible or Biblical perspectives.

Because extra-curricular activities are an integral part of the high school, students will have the opportunity to be involved in a wide variety of activities. Through the careful guidance of teachers, these activities will add to the profound and purposeful learning experience at UNITY.

Join us! Your child is welcome, as are you! Applications for admission and membership can be printed.

MEMBERSHIP POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Policy:

All members will:

- actively attend a Christian church.
- sign agreement with the basic articles of the Constitution.
- be at least eighteen years old.
- pay the required fees as determined by the BOD.

Procedures:

1. Prospective members receive the MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION form.
2. The applicant receives:
 - the school’s purpose, vision and mission statements,
 - procedures and considerations for society membership,
 - a copy of the Constitution,
 - information concerning the financial operation of the school society.
3. The applicant may be asked to meet with the MEMBERSHIP AD HOC committee, made up of three members: Education Committee, BOD and Principal. All the documentation will be submitted at that time.
4. The MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE forwards the name to the BOD.
5. The BOD makes a decision concerning the member’s application.
6. The BOD secretary informs the applicant.

**Membership Application for Simcoe County Christian High School Society
UNITY Christian High School**

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| Applicant's name: | Name: |
| Address: | Street and mailing: |
| | City: |
| | Postal code: |
| Phone: | home: |
| | business: |
| | cell: |
| Email most often used: | |
| Church affiliation: | |
| Pastor's name: | |

(Note: The Board of Directors of UNITY Christian High School may contact your pastor as a reference in your membership application.)

I/we apply for membership in the Society, and I/we declare that I/we:

1. Agree with and support the purpose, vision and mission of UNITY Christian High School, as stated in the Basis article of the Constitution (art. 1.2, see next page),
2. Actively attend a Christian church,
3. Am/are eighteen years of age or older,
4. Agree to pay the annual membership fee as determined by the Board of Directors,
5. Understand that failure to demonstrate or comply with any of the above could result in having my membership revoked.

I/we apply for membership in the Society, and I/we recognize that the privileges of membership include:

1. Helping to establish or revise the purpose, vision and mission for UNITY Christian High School,
2. The right to vote at membership meetings (no proxy voting shall be allowed except as enumerated in the Bylaws),
3. Electing and being elected to the Board of Directors,
4. Participating in committees and school activities,
5. Approving the annual budget.

Signed: _____ Date: _____

Approved by Board of Directors chair: _____ Date: _____

Note: each family in good standing shall be entitled to one vote on each question arising at any special or general meeting of the members.

Note: Please send this completed form with a cheque for \$250.00 payable to UNITY Christian High School, 25 Burton Ave., Barrie, ON L4N 2R3

Select Bylaws of the Simcoe County (Unity) Christian High School Society

1.2 Basis

The basis of the Society shall be the infallible Word of God, consisting of the Old and New Testaments, as confessed in articles 1-9 of the Belgic Confession.

FOUNDATIONAL GUIDELINES - CHRISTIAN EDUCATION - A UNIQUE VISION

We believe that the Lord God, by graciously giving us the Scriptures, has revealed to His people ordering principles intensely relevant to education, and mandates us to bring the whole Word of God to bear in all its power upon education. We confess the following:

1.2.1 **LIFE:** Human life in its entirety is religious, since God created us to serve Him everywhere. This requires us to educate children for His service.

1.2.2 **BIBLE:** The Bible, as the written Word of God, is the Truth by which the Holy Spirit enlightens our understanding of God, ourselves and the world; and the infallible authority by which He directs and governs all our activities, including the education of our children.

1.2.3 **CREATION:** The origin, gracious preservation, and ultimate restoration of the world are the work of the Triune God, and its purpose is to glorify the name of God. Therefore, we can understand the world rightly only in its relationship to God.

1.2.4 **HUMANITY:** We were created in the image of God to enjoy covenantal fellowship with our Creator and to reflect in our person and works the excellencies of our Maker. We were instructed to exercise stewardship over the world in loving obedience to God and to interpret all reality in accordance with His design and law.

1.2.5 **SIN:** Sin is disobedience of God's law. By sinning, we estranged ourselves from God and our neighbour, and brought God's curse upon the creation. As a result, we have become corrupt in heart and blind to the true meaning of life, and we repress the knowledge of God which confronts us in creation and in Scripture.

1.2.6 **JESUS CHRIST:** Jesus Christ, the Son of God, of whom the Scriptures testify, is truly God and fully human. Through His atoning death, He has reconciled the whole creation to God. He redeems and renews every part of the lives of all those who believe in Him and gives them His Spirit in every way to live for God and their neighbour by His Word and Spirit. He redirects our understanding so that we may truly know God, ourselves, and the world.

1.2.7 **THE KINGDOM OF GOD:** The Kingdom of God is God's righteous and universal reign through Jesus Christ, whose rule calls His subjects to make every word, thought, and deed subservient to Christ. In obedience to Christ's rule, we submit every area of life to Him and reject every attempt to withdraw any aspect of life from the divine commandment to love the Lord with all our heart and mind.

1.2.8 **PURPOSE OF EDUCATION:** The purpose of Christian education is to direct and guide children to commit their whole being to Christ, the Truth; to attain understanding, wisdom and righteousness; to develop the gifts God has given each one of them; and to perform their competent and responsible service to the Lord in church, society, and school.

1.2.9 **PARENTS AND THE CHRISTIAN COMMUNITY:** God has given parents the responsibility to nurture and educate their children. The Christian community and Christian parents must enable and support Christian education.

1.2.10 **THE CHILD:** Children, entrusted by God to parents, need loving guidance, encouragement, instruction, and correction. Christian children share in the promises and demands of the Gospel and ought to receive a Christian education that they may follow wholeheartedly after God.

1.2.11 **THE TEACHER:** Christian teachers, both in obedience to God and in cooperation with parents, have a unique responsibility to educate children in the school. Their conduct and lifestyle must be that of a disciple of Jesus Christ

1.2.12 **THE CHRISTIAN SCHOOL:** The Christian school is established and controlled by an association of Christian believers in accordance with legitimate standards and provisions, and possesses the freedom to educate in total and voluntary submission to Christ the King.

1.3 Purpose

The purpose of the Society is the establishment and maintenance of a school or schools for Christian secondary education in the County of Simcoe and elsewhere, the promotion of other associated activities, and the promotion of Christian instruction by way of school education, in accordance with the basis of the Society.

ADMISSIONS POLICY AND PROCEDURE

Policy:

1. All applicants who wish to send their children to UNITY CHS must agree with the foundational statements of the school society,
2. The Board wants to promote and maintain the distinctively Christian character of UNITY,
3. The Board wants to ensure the highest level of parental involvement with and support for the school.
4. UNITY wants to ensure that each student is placed in the most appropriate learning environment.

Policy and Procedure:

1. All families of prospective students will be members of or adherents to a Christian church, and declare their love for Jesus Christ as Lord and Saviour of their lives.
2. All families of prospective students, along with the student, will meet with at least two persons from the Board, and will:
 - a. receive appropriate information to ensure their full awareness of UNITY's expectations, practices and programs,
 - b. receive such forms as they do not already have, and
 - c. be made aware that an appropriate program is available to the student before the student can begin at UNITY.
3. All families of prospective students will submit the appropriate signed forms:
 - STUDENT ADMISSION APPLICATION.
 - STUDENT PORTRAIT..
 - ACADEMIC RECOMMENDATION (or copy of most recent report card or official school achievement statement).
 - PROMISE OF RELATIONSHIP statement.
 - TUITION PAYMENT forms and appropriate deposits.
4. The principal may approve the application for direct admission, or put the student's name on a waiting list, (given that all the parametres above are in place), or forward the name to the BOD for further discussion.

Factors that may limit the enrollment are (*note: in the school year 2004-2005, UNITY will cap its enrollment at eighty students*):

- class size and classroom space,
- availability of a qualified teacher,
- special education needs unable to be met at UNITY,

(5. At the discretion of the BOD, #1 of the Policy may be waived if it is deemed to be in the best interest of UNITY and the student.)

6. The principal will meet with the student for orientation and a discovery of the student's goals and ideals .

Student Admission Application
UNITY Christian High School

Student's name _____
 By what name do you wish to be called? _____
 Date of birth: D: _____ M: _____ Y: _____
 School currently attending: _____ Grade: _____

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| Parent's/Guardians: | Last name: Father: Mother: |
| Address: | Street and mailing: |
| | City: |
| | Postal code: |

Student Information:
 Special considerations (academic, health, personal): _____

 Medical Information: _____
 Ontario Health Card #: _____
 Name of family doctor: _____
 Phone of family doctor: _____
 Other information: _____

Emergency Contact (to be used only if the parent(s) cannot be reached):
 Name: _____
 Phone: _____

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| Communication: | | |
| Home phone: | Home fax: | Home email: |
| Father's work phone: | Father's work email: | Father's cell: |
| Mother's work phone: | Mother's work email: | Mother's cell: |

Church information:
 Name of church and denomination: _____
 Pastor's name and phone #: (who may be contacted as a reference in this application): _____

Why do you wish to enroll your child(ren) in UNITY Christian High School? _____

Please complete and return this form with a \$500.00 tuition deposit cheque (the first \$250.00 of which will be applied to membership should the Board approve your application), to UNITY Christian High School, 25 Burton Ave., Barrie ON, L4N 2R3

Student Portrait
UNITY Christian High School

This form is to be completed by the student for the growth of our relationship. Use the back of this` sheet if necessary.

Welcome to UNITY Christian High School. In order for us to get to know each other better, and for us to help you receive the best possible education based on God's Word, we want you to tell us a little about yourself.

What do you expect from UNITY CHS? _____

What particular gifts do you bring to UNITY CHS? _____

What is your favourite subject(s)? _____

Which subject(s) do you find most difficult? _____

Have you been involved in organized athletics outside of school? If so, which sports?
For how many years? _____

Have you been involved in the arts outside of school (eg.: musical instrument lessons; voice lessons; dance)? If so, which ones? For how many years? _____

Are you interested in using and continuing to develop these skills in UNITY? If so, describe how and where you could do that? _____

Please check which of the following are available for your use at your home:
 No computer PC computer Mac computer Internet Email

What future careers are you now considering? _____

Academic Recommendation
UNITY Christian High School: for the school year 2011-2012

This form is to be completed by the current principal, guidance counsellor or classroom teacher.

_____ (name of student) has applied for admission into UNITY Christian High School. Kindly assist us in finding the best academic placement for this student, by filling out this form.

At UNITY, we offer both ACADEMIC and APPLIED levels in the compulsory courses in both grades nine and ten. In your professional opinion, this student would be best placed in which grade and level for the courses noted below (please mark an "X" behind each course):

| Grade 9: | | | Grade 10: | | |
|-------------|----------------|-----------------|-------------|----------------|-----------------|
| | <i>Applied</i> | <i>Academic</i> | | <i>Applied</i> | <i>Academic</i> |
| English | | | English | | |
| Mathematics | | | Mathematics | | |
| Science | | | Science | | |
| Geography | | | History | | |
| French | X | | French | | |

If applicable, please note any special education concerns of which UNITY needs to be aware:

(use the back of this sheet, or include a separate page if necessary)
 Current school information:

Signature: _____

(Please print your name: _____)

Position: _____

School: _____

School address and postal code: _____

School phone number: (_____) _____ School Fax number: (_____) _____

Having your recommendation for this student is a very helpful complement to the academic reports on the student. Thank you for taking the time to complete this.

Promise of Relationship
UNITY Christian High School

At UNITY Christian High School, we are a nurturing educational community that can equip students well when staff and students covenant together to create a joyful, purposeful atmosphere. The school agrees to provide an excellent program of instruction, a safe environment, appropriate discipline and sufficient information, all of which will educate and involve the whole student to the glory of God and for the growth of each student. We expect that each student will as well accept the responsibilities and privileges of enrollment in UCHS.

I, _____ accept these relationship responsibilities as part of my being a student at UNITY Christian High School. I promise:

1. To work diligently on all assignments, to the best of my ability,
2. To be respectful of the property,
3. To be respectful of all staff of UNITY CHS,
4. To be attentive, and participate in all the lessons of my courses,
5. To be respectful of all my fellow students,
6. To attend all my classes, unless I have prior permission from the staff to be absent,
7. To accept that failure to adhere to these relationship responsibilities could result in disciplinary action.

Student: _____

Principal: _____

Date: _____

I/We, _____ accept these statements as foundational to our parental partnership and relationship with UNITY Christian High School:

1. I/we understand the unique nature of this Christian high school, its purpose, vision and mission as expressed in the Basis article of the Constitution, and as practised in the daily operation.
2. I/we agree that my/or child(ren) will be educated in a manner consistent with the beliefs and objectives of UNITY Christian High School.
3. I/we are aware of the Board's policy on enrollment and discipline.
4. I/we agree that admission and enrollment or my/our child(ren) is subject to Board approval.
5. I/we agree to accept the financial and organizational obligations of admission and enrollment in UNITY Christian High School.
6. I/we understand that my/our child(ren)'s admission and enrollment is separate from society membership, which may be obtained by applying to and receiving approval from the Board.
7. I/we understand that I/we have access to the normal channels and processes available to all parents and students regarding the daily education program at UNITY Christian High School.
8. I/we agree to abide by all Board decisions.
9. I/we promise to do everything in our power to cooperate with the school for the successful education of our child.

Parent: _____

(Parent): _____

School official: _____

Date: _____